

**Public Safety Committee
Tuesday, March 3, 2009
4:00 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall**

Chairwoman Flood began the meeting by introducing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established. .

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Public Safety
Primary Sponsor: Mary C. Woolridge

Motion to Approve made by Mary C. Woolridge and seconded by Kelly Downard.

Discussion: Paul Barth, Suburban Fire Service Representative, Chief of McMahan Fire Department, Theresa Baker, Trauma Outreach and Injured Prevention Coordinator at U of L Hospital, Greg Frederick, Chief of the Louisville Metro Fire Department, Mike Allendorf, President of the Jefferson County Fire Inspectors Association and Okolona Fire Department Fire Marshall, and Matt Lemme, Assistant County Attorney were present to speak and answer questions. A handout was given to the Committee Members. (Attached) The following was discussed:

- Major number of fires in the United States are caused by Children, and most from playing with lighters
 - Average age is 5 years old
 - 50% of fires in our community are caused by Children
- Some novelty lighters bought look like toys
- Sometimes it is hard to tell the difference between a novelty lighter and a toy such as a cell phone or animal toy and cell phone or animal Novelty Lighter, especially for a child
- The Medical aspect of fires
 - Suffering of children and adults
- Children often hide to play with lighters or fire
- Novelty lighters can be bought at many service stations, convenient stores, etc.
- Imported to the United States illegally
- Regular lighters are child proof
- Novelty lighters are not child proof
- Child proofing started in the 1980's
- Refillable lighters
- Safety Features should be on all lighters
- Cartoon Character lighters
- Definition of Novelty Lighters
- House Bill 116 regarding Novelty Lighters
- Enforcement
- Exemption prior to 1980
- Federal regulations
- So far there have been no challenges to like ordinances that have already passed
- Ordering Novelty Lighters over the internet
- Ordinance relates to retail sales

Kelly Downard and Glen Stuckel requested to be added as Co-Sponsors and Mary C. Woolridge, Sponsor, agreed.

This item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

VOTING RESULTS: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Kelly Downard, Glen Stuckel, James Peden, Mary C. Woolridge, Tina Ward-Pugh, Rick Blackwell, Madonna Flood

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

Motion to adjourn made by James Peden and seconded by Kelly Downard. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting, March 12, 2009.**

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